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Applicant(s): Keiichi Maeda

Invention: APPARATUS FOR ELECTROPLATING AND METHOD FOR ELECTROPLATING

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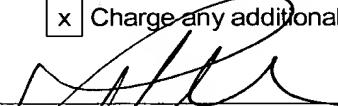
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In re Patent Application of:
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METHOD FOR ELECTROPLATING

Examiner: K. Mayekar

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) mailed on December 7, 2004.

Please note that the Amendment Responsive To Paper No. 10 After RCE identified within the Notice has a filing date of December 10, 2003, which is almost one (1) year prior to the mailing date of the Notice.

It is believed that the Amendment Responsive To Paper No. 10 After RCE was, when filed more than one (1) year ago, an amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Nevertheless, an Amendment In Response To Non-Final Office Action is provided in response to the Notice.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.